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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7713**
Akinori ARIMURA : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0134A
Serial No. 10/567,754 : Group Art Unit 4161
Filed February 10, 2006 : Examiner Craig D. Ricci
NOVEL USE OF CANNABINOID
RECEPTOR AGONIST : **Mail Stop: Amendment**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
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Responsive to the Office Action of April 17, 2008, constituting a restriction requirement among (I) claims 1-2 and 5, (II) claims 3-4 and 7, (III) claims 5-6 and (IV) claims 7-8, Applicant hereby elects the subject matter of Group IV, i.e. claims 7-8. This election is made while reserving Applicant's rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter of claims 1-6.

Referring to item 5 beginning on page 4 of the Office Action, it is Applicant's understanding that since neither Group I or II was elected in response to the restriction requirement, it is not necessary to elect a species of the generic invention.

Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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